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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2003 please enter the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please change the specification of the above-identified patent application as below:

On page 1, please delete paragraph one of the "Background of the Invention" section and replace with the following replacement paragraph:

The World-wide Web has several thousand well-known, explicitly-defined communities, i.e., groups of individuals who share a common interest, together with the Web pages most popular amongst them. Consider for instance, the community of Web users